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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

~~IN RE~~ In Re the Application of:

CROWDER ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/975,642

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For: "MAGNETIC RECORDING
HEAD PROTECTION"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2003. Therein, the Examiner asserts a second Restriction Requirement with regard to the present application. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that Claims 1-31 and 43-50 are subject to further restriction. The Examiner imposed a first restriction requirement in an Office Action mailed May 13, 2003.

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